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UNDER SEAL,

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Defendants.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, *ex rel.*
CRAIG THOMAS,

Relator,

V.

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SOUND INPATIENT PHYSICIANS, INC., and
ROBERT A. BESSLER,

Defendants.

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ORDER

19 The United States has filed an *Ex Parte* Motion for an Extension of time to Consider
20 Election to Intervene, in which the government seeks a six (6) month extension of time, from
21 January 21, 2010, up to and including July 21, 2010, in which to notify the Court whether it
22 intends to intervene in this *qui tam* lawsuit. Such an extension of time is expressly
23 contemplated by the False Claims Act, which provides that the United States “may, for good
24 cause shown move the Court for extensions of time. . . .” 13 U.S.C. § 3730(b)(3). The Court
25 finds that such good cause exists here.

26 Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that the United States shall have until July 21, 2010,
27 to notify the Court of its decision whether or not to intervene in this *qui tam* action. The Clerk

1 shall otherwise maintain the Complaint and other filings under seal for the duration of the
2 government's investigation, unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

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4 DATED this 22 day of January, 2010..

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7 RONALD B. LEIGHTON
8 United States District Judge
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